

Music Department Meeting Friday November 17, 2023

Here: Joseph Curtis (leading meeting), Meike Criswell (Parent Rep), Erin Hale, Michelle Jaques, Nora Epping, Esther Freymadl, Lori Cook (taking minutes)

What we discussed
Finances and proposed spending
Technology in Rooms
Upcoming concerts
New Curriculum and Nyssa Brown consultant
Gifts

Finances

ES Budget
563 Euros remain
Sarah has spent more than her part
Michelle has spent 87
Diane wants to order items from Amazon, approximately 120€
Esther would like to have about 120€

High School Teaching Supplies Budget from Trust Fund - for
3400 remains
Each of us has 1500
Joseph has spent 597
Nora has spent 1160
Lori has spent 0€
Michelle has spent 802€

Lutz Herfurth Repair Account - Trust Fund sub account
Joseph corrected by email after meeting - and NOT in negative. During the meeting it was reported that this account was in negative by 443€ -
Esther would like to encourage Lutz to repair bows rather than replace them with cheap ones.

Instrument Repair - Verein

Music Special - Sub Account of Student Activity Fund
3174,65

Music Beginner Instrument -
2167,40€

ACTION

Turn in your reimbursements or orders immediately

We voted to fund these from Music Special

Choir Folders for Kammerchor - 130€
Book and CD "Purposeful Pathways" for elementary school - about teaching rhythm, melody, literacy Esther bought at conference 159,95 dollars
Speakers Sarah bought for G111 - 120€
Esther's request for up to 130€
Vacuum cleaner and extra bags - about 155€

Technology Equipment in Rooms

G111 speakers have been replaced and they work

Esther would like a computer that takes both German and American DVDs in G214

Joseph says we need to ask for computers through tech first.

G115 Sound- is the problem the receiver or the speaker connections: We may need to have a replacement for the receiver.

ACTION - Joseph will see if the "box" he bought for home will also work for the sound in G115. If so we can discuss ordering them.

Joseph will order 2 audio cables

Joseph will check with tech

We need an audio cable in G103 and

The new Schränke will be made secure to the wall by Hausmeisters

New Curriculum

Funding for having Nyssa Brown as consultant is likely.

Nyssa has asked administration to answer some questions before she can get started on the project.

Joseph discussed the process with Nyssa who advised him not to hurry. The process will be 3-4 years, anyway.

We are all concerned about the amount of extra time it could take each of us to invest in the process.

We all agree that it is important to build a working curriculum for our department.

Upcoming Concerts

Hausmeisters set up audience on November 30

Set up for concert on Dec. 7

Set up for Lunch on Dec. 8

Pit for 9-12 musical will be set up on Dec. 8

We have Nov. 30 - Lori's 5-8 choirs

Dec. 1 - matinee for ES students Lori's 5-8 choirs

Dec. 7 - MS Band and Orch, 9-12 Band, 9-12 Jazz Band, maybe 9-12 women's ensemble

Dom Transport - Van with Andreas, possibly another van

Insurance

To ensure only items worth 2000 or more, Herr Joite of Mannheimer versicherung quoted about 986€ per year - plus 19%.

Ensuring the grand piano would cost 350€ per year (at a value of 35,000€)

We voted to reduce our insurance list described above. The vote was approved.

We voted that the grand piano insurance would come from Music Special.

GIFTS

Joseph asks if we are willing again to give holiday cash to Hausmeisters, Herr Werner, Dom Driver
Joseph will ask for help from us to fund these gifts.